

WATER USERS COMMITTEE MEETING

March 15th

2:00p.m.

The meeting was held at the Station Motel in Milford. Those present: Keith James, Russel Mayer, Gary Sullivan, Shaun Pearson, Joey Leko, Lee Sim, John Larsen, Gertrudys Adkins and Kerry Carpenter.

The board met with Control Equipment Company and Western Engineering. The two companies' presented the meters they had to offer the water users. Ken Lawson representing McCrometer will fax a distributor list to Keith James. They then dismissed the company representatives at 3:10.

They read and approved minutes of the last board meeting. Keith James motioned that they make Beth James an assistant secretary to fill when Kristen Mayer is unable to attend. Russel Mayer seconded, motion passed.

Shaun Pearson asked over pumping would hurt if they use acreage. Kerry replied probably not. Lee said they had discussed the possibility of also using the acreage for metering. Keith suggested the State do the acreage checking for the next three years. Lee questioned if the board wanted to spend the \$2,000.00 that it would take to cover the charges. The Board responded positively.

Joey Leko expressed concern of the negative effect it would have on the water users if the State does not follow through with shutting off the abusers. Kerry Carpenter responded by saying there is a specific court order for shut down. Lee Sim talked with the State as to the procedure. There would first be a Judication order, in contempt of court. The Judge can then fine the overuse or sentence them to Jail time. If the water users will meet the law, it would be much better than having to go to court.

Lee Sim requested that he be shown how to shut off wells in violation without doing any damage to well. Members of the Board explained it. Lee will check liability against the State. He said it would become a misdemeanor should a water user start the well back up once the State had turned it off.

It was stated that the reason the wells that were in violation last year were not shut off, was because the State did not have the correct information. John Larsen said that he was halfway on the investigation and should have the maps completed by May.

Lee Sim said that if a water user is delinquent this year the State will have no choice but to shut them off.

It was expressed by the WATERBOARD that the bills sent out need to be sent monthly like any business showing the 11/2% interest charge and its accumulation. Lee stated that the State does not have the work force to send bills monthly. Russel said then take the 11/2% off because it would not do any good. They discussed an Annual Assessment. Nothing was decided upon. The Board asked what increase will there be with the assesments. Lee replied that they would go up six times over last years assesments. The Board asked who is going to install the meters. Lee

said that Water Commissioner Larry Maycock would need to supervise to see the meters are installed properly. The Board expressed its concern for how much time that would involve. The Board felt there hadn't been enough information given to the water users explaining all the costs that metering would entail.

Gary Sullivan made the motion there be a meeting arranged that would give more information and allow for a revote to be taken. Russel Mayer seconded. Motion passed. The board will send a letter to the State informing them of this request for a meeting with the water users. All the actual costs will be presented. The Board divided the list of water users between them to call and notify of the forthcoming meeting. The State will send letters explaining the purpose, place and time of said meeting.

If the water users revote in favor of acreage metering the Board will need to purchase a moisture tester.

Keith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shaun Pearson seconded. Meeting closed at 5:40p.m.